

**MEETING OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
Approved MINUTES
September 13, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Joaquin Rodriguez, elected Chair of the Transportation Project Advisory Committee, at 9:32 a.m, at 211 N. Florence El Paso TX 79901 Suite 202 MPO conference room also conducted telephonically and by video conference. Members in attendance were:

TPAC Voting Members Present:			TPAC Voting Members Absent:	
1.	Harold Love	NMDOT	Ramon Cano	Town of Clint
2.	Marty Boyd	TXDOT	Santos Lucero	Village of Vinton
3.	Eddie Conde	City of San Elizario	Robert Parker	UTEP
4.	Arturo Rubio	Horizon City	Jorge Reyes	El Paso County
5.	Evaristo Cruz	Ysleta del Sur Del Pueblo	Charlene Santistevan	Doña Ana County
6.	Claudia Garcia	Sun Metro	Mario Juarez-Infante	City of Sunland Park
7.	Ivy Avalos	City of Socorro	MPO STAFF	
8.	Gloria Ramirez	City of Anthony, NM		
9.	Anthony Turner	Town of Anthony, TX	Anne Guayante	Regional Transportation Manager
10.	Joaquin Rodriguez	City of El Paso	Eduardo Calvo	Executive Director
11.			Harrison Ploude	Assistant Executive Director
12.			Marisol Enriquez	Administrative Secretary
13.			Jennifer Moreno	Transportation Planner
14.			Nina Rodriguez	Transportation Planner

(Meeting began with 10 members)

- Chair Evaristo Cruz, opened the public comment period. No Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2024, TPAC meeting.

Presenter: TPAC Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024, TPAC meeting made by Evaristo Cruz and seconded by Harold Love. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider amendments to the Regional Mobility Strategy (RMS) 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Transit projects to:

- a. Program the *Sun Metro Paratransit Fleet Replacement: Zero-Emission Vehicles Project* using \$11,095,890 in FTA 5339 (c) Program funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025
- b. Program the *Support Vehicles/Bus Rehab Project* using \$500,000 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2027
- c. Program the *Transit Enhancement Project* using \$500,000 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2025
- d. Program the *FY 2024 FTA 5339 Project* using \$859,522 of FTA 5339 Program funds in FY 2025
- e. Program the *Capital Maintenance FY24 5307* project using \$11,328,639 of FTA 5307 Program funds in FY 2025
- f. Amend the *Capital Maintenance (FY25-FY28 5307)* (MPO ID: T3C) project (Apportionments 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028) to increase FTA 5307 funds from \$11,945,475 to \$14,091,139 and change to FYs 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, respectively
- g. Program the *ADA Paratransit Project* using \$2,132,349 of FTA 5307 Program funds in FY 2025
- h. Program the *Bus Purchase Project (FY24 5307)* using \$7,400,000 of FTA 5307 Program funds in FY 2025.
- i. Deprogram the *Planning (MPO ID: T3A)* project using FTA 5307 Program funds in FYs 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028.
- j. Deprogram the *Security Equipment (MPO ID: T3E)* (Phase: Operating and Capital) project using FTA 5307 Program funds in FYs 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028

Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

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made by Marty Boyd and seconded by Tim McDaniel. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following TXDOT Texas Highway projects to:
- a. Program the *SS 320 Borderland Expressway Phase II Project* (MPO ID: P201B-CAP2 / CSJ: 0665-02-004) with \$43,789,220 in Category 4 Statewide Urban Program funds and \$103,195,000 in Category 2 Metropolitan Area Program funds for a total funded amount of \$146,984,220 in FY 2025 into the RMS 2023–2026 TIP, RMS 2025–2028 TIP, and amend the funding and fiscal year shown in the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP
 - b. Program the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave) Expressway and Frontage Roads Phase 2 PE and ROW Phase* (MPO ID: F407B-CAP / CSJ: 0374-02-100) Project with \$4,655,813 in SWPE Program funds and \$31,607,167 in SWROW Program Funds for a total funded amount of \$36,262,980 in FY 2025 into the RMS 2023–2026 TIP, RMS 2025–2028 TIP, and amend the funding and fiscal year shown in the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP
 - c. Amend the *US 54 Kenworthy to FM 2529 (McCombs)* (F001B-15A / CSJ 0167-02-122) project to \$51,213,093 in Category 2 Metropolitan Area Program funds and \$20,000,000 in Category 11b District Discretionary Program funds for a total funded amount of \$71,213,093 in FY 2026
 - d. Deprogram the *US 62/180 (Montana Ave) Expressway and Frontage Roads Phase 2 Construction* (MPO ID F407B-CAP / CSJ 0374-02-100) project from the RMS 2025–2028 TIP and the RMS 2025–2028 TIP and amend the RMS 2050 MTP and Amended RMS 2050 MTP add move the project from 2026 to 2029 and fund it with \$131,583,776 in Category 12 TTC Program Funds in FY 2029

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- Marty Boyd commented

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made by Marty Boyd and seconded by Eddie Conde. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the following Texas Highway projects corresponding to Ad Hoc Committee recommendation for the programming of carryover balances for CAT 7 STP, CAT 5 CMAQ, CAT 10 CRP and CAT 9 TASA funds:

- a. Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 3* (MPO ID S301E / CSJ 0924-06-566) project to reduce local contribution from \$2,150,000 to \$600,000 beyond required match, and to increase Category 5 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds from \$2,250,000 to \$4,400,000, for \$5,000,000 in total project funding in FY 2025
 - b. Amend the *Horizon City Transit Plaza project* (MPO ID T410X) to move all \$3,800,000 from local contribution, for a revised local contribution total of \$0 beyond required match, to Category 5 CMAQ Program funds for an increase from \$0 to \$3,800,000: for \$3,800,000 in total project funding in FY 2025
 - c. Amend the *Rodman Street Shared Use Path – Construction* (MPO ID: M108X-2) project to add \$200,000 Category 9 Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TASA) program funds for \$989,272 total project funding in FY 2025
 - d. Administratively amend the *John Hayes (Darrington/Berryville)(Construction Phase 2)* (MPO ID P004X-CAP-2 / 0924-06-565) CSJ) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$21,000,000 to \$18,200,000, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$2,800,000, for a total project funding amount of \$21,000,000 in FY 2025
 - e. Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 4* (MPO ID S301G / CSJ 0924-06-568) to reduce local contribution \$937,592 to \$0, and increase Category 5 CMAQ Program funds from \$4,242,408 to \$5,180,000, for a total project funding amount of \$5,180,000 in FY 2026
 - f. Amend the *Traffic Management Center Phase 5* (MPO ID S301H / CSJ 0924-06-569) project to reduce local contribution from \$294,000 to \$0 and to increase Category 5 CMAQ Program funds from \$6,000,000 to \$6,294,000, for a total project funding amount of \$6,294,000 in FY 2026
 - g. Program the *ELP Safety Service Patrol HERO FY 2026* (MPO ID M091X-5 / CSJ 0924-06-711) project with \$2,000,000 in Category 10 CRP funds in FY 2026
 - h. Program the *Horizon City-Socorro Bus Circulator* (MPO ID T411X) project with \$923,784 in Category 5 CMAQ Program funds in FY 2026
 - i. Administratively Amend the *Railroad Drive Widening and Reconstruction* (MPO ID P219X-CAP / CSJ 0924-06-625) project to decrease Category 7 STP funds from \$20,805,338 to \$18,705,338, increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$2,100,000, for a total project funding amount of \$22,921,338 in FY 2026
 - j. Administratively amend the *Nuevo Hueco Tanks Construction* (MPO ID A527X-CAP-1/ CSJ 0924-06-607) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$9,990,376 to \$7,850,376, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds total from \$0 to \$2,140,000. Local contribution beyond required match remains \$11,471,134 for a total project funding amount of \$21,461,510 in FY 2026
 - k. Amend the *Sun Valley Gateway North to Kenworthy:* (MPO ID R201X/ CSJ 0924-06-729) project to reduce Category 7 STP funds from \$5,021,867 to \$2,821,867, and to increase Category 10 CRP funds from \$0 to \$2,821,867 for a total project funding amount of \$5,021,867 in FY 2027
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 - m. Administratively amend the *Tierra Este (Arterial 1)* (MPO ID P002X-CAP /CSJ 0924-06-621) project to reduce Category 7 STP program funds from \$34,000,000 to \$31,700,000 and to increase Category 10 program total from \$0 to \$2,300,000, for a total project funding amount of \$34,000,000; and to move the project from FY 2027 to FY 2028
 - n. Program the *ELP HERO Safety Service Patrol* (MPO ID M091X-3/ CSJ 0924-06-737) with \$2,000,000 in Category 7 STP Program funds in FY 2028
 - o. Program the *Horizon to UTEP Express Route* (MPO ID T412X) with \$611,000 in Category 10 CRP funds in FY 2028
- Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)**

- Marty Boyd and Tim McDaniel commented

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made by Marty Boyd and seconded by Claudia Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider approval of amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Charging and Fueling Infrastructure* project with \$15,000,000 in Category 3 Local Funds from the USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program in FY 2025
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

- Joaquin Rodriguez, Marty Boyd and Tim McDaniel commented

Motion to approve amendments to the RMS 2050 MTP, Amended RMS 2050 MTP, RMS 2023-2026 TIP and RMS 2025-2028 TIP for the *Charging and Fueling Infrastructure* project with \$15,000,000 in Category 3 Local Funds from the USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Program in FY 2025 made by Evaristo Cruz and seconded by Marty Boyd. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider approval of the triennial update to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan
Presenter: Anne Guayante (EPMPO)

Motion to approve the triennial update to the EPMPO Public Participation Plan made by Tim McDaniel and seconded by Claudia Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider adoption of Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Reductions
Presenter: Claudia Valles (EPMPO)

- Joaquin Rodriguez commented

Motion to adopt Midpoint Performance Period Targets for CMAQ On-Road Mobile Source Emissions Reductions made by Evaristo Cruz and seconded by Claudia Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

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8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director to submit an application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant program for the *I-10 Deck Plaza Design* project

Presenter: Harrison Plourde (EPMPO)

- Joaquin Rodriguez commented

Motion to authorize the Executive Director to submit an application to the USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant program for the *I-10 Deck Plaza Design* project meeting made by Marty Boyd and seconded by Claudia Garcia. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Appoint members to 5310 Project Call Selection Ad Hoc Committee

Presenter: George Inostroza (EPMPO)

Appointed Evaristo Cruz, TXDOT Horizon, Gloria Ramirez to 5310 Project Call Selection Ad Hoc Committee.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:

10. Quarterly Reports

- MPO Administrative Amendments Report
- Project Completion Report
- Project Readiness Report
- RMS 2020 Projects Report

Presenter: Anne Guayante and Nina Rodriguez (MPO)

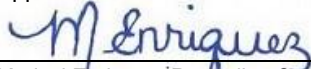
- Joaquin Rodriguez and Marty Boyd commented

11. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

*The **next regular meeting** of the TPAC is scheduled at **1:30 p.m.** on **October 2, 2024**, the due date for submittal of agenda items, names of speakers, attachments, items for presentations, and Project Request Forms (PRFs) is no later than **September 11, 2024, by 3:00 p.m.***

Approved as to content:



Marisol Enriquez, Recording Secretary for the
Transportation Project Advisory Committee